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Hamwood Augst 24th 1859.

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My dear Sister.

I write, to say to you at
Thiela's desire, as also my own - that she
is much better to day. The boil has broken
and she thinks now she will be well
enough, if it heals fast, to go on Sunday,
to her Home - She is very much relieved
at the ending of it, for it has caused her
much pain, and obliged to be confined to
couch & chamber at the last. When she
arrives at her home, she will tell you
all about it. Matty, & Miss Taylor,
went into a party at Hannah Lee Allen's
last night, and it is raining hard,
to day - likely to be detained in town.
Naty is there staying. The latter I think
will go down with Floride, tho she
would like to stay here longer.
The young people are enjoying themselves,

Sam & Mary E. - walked so far as to
cause her getting overheated - but under
the train of cars, she went in, it was un-
avoidable, as you did not know - her
health is in a precarious state.

I am glad to know Wm & Susan are in
full health, and the time passing so
pleasantly around you. A happy
movement for Calhoun - if he remains at
the Virginia Institute - suit him likely
better than any other. Thomas, I hear
is cheerful & comfortable in spirit -
which I was gratified to know.

I have enjoyed Florida being with us
she is a favorite with us all in the
family, and with outsiders also, with
whom she meets. Her singing has been
much admired, and we have lessitated
under it.

I have had a distressing sickness since
E left here, in the family - Geo - had a
very bad spell again - the worst he ever

Had, I have been kept at home
closely the last 2 yrs. - with the state
of his health, his nervous system principally
affected - which causes his brain to be affected.
He had to have ~~active~~ treatment, the con-
-quensees - he is much prostrated, & tonics
are now in use - he was cupped on his back.
The alarm was so great to me, I was sick in
bed. All stimulants are prohibited, and
he is trying to give up smoking entirely -
He has not used spirits for a long time -
I think he will have to go on a change, to
renew his appetite is not good, and
plain ^{food} is very necessary - hard to dis-crimi-
nate & use the caution necessary. I feel
as if he must resort to Physn abroad for
further counsel in his case.

Baker, is rather expected here this week.
Thomas - & another young man - next wk.
Anne, wants the girls to stay until they
come -

What has become of my friend Mr
- Gaines - He did not get to Penns-Place.

Report says she will never get her thing.
or perhaps — Give my love to Tom & Edna —
& love from Florida to yourself and
my love — from your off-sister
L. Wm.